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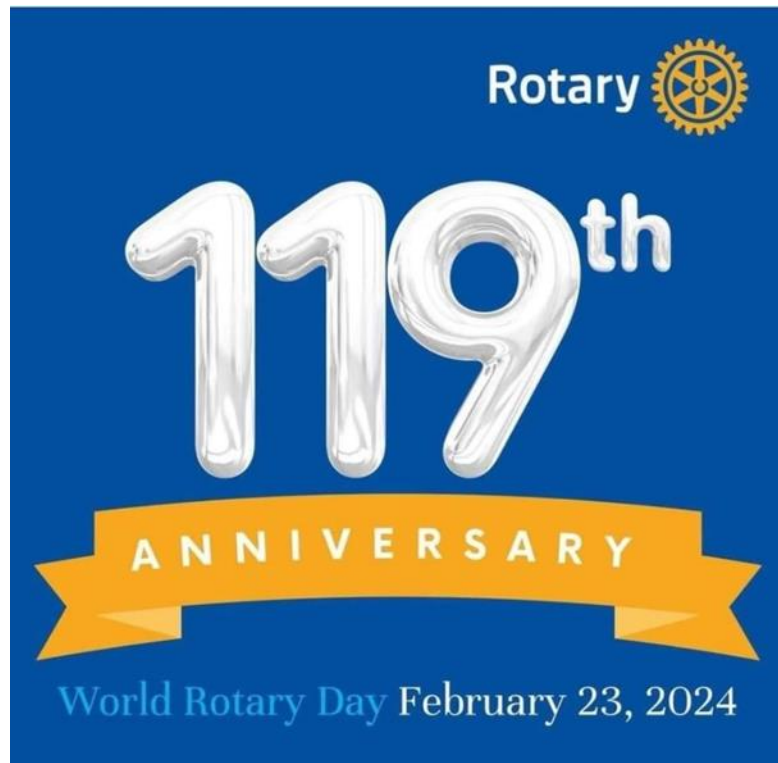
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BOARD MEETINGS

Board Meeting 7 AM
Charitable Fund 5:30 PM



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO US



February 23 is Rotary's 119th Anniversary. That day is also called **World Understanding and Peace Day**. On February 23, 1905, little did Paul Harris and his three friends realize what they were starting when they met in room 711 of the Unity Building in Chicago. We have come a long way since then, but we still have a long way to go to achieve goodwill, peace, and understanding among all people of the world. The Board of Directors of Rotary International asks that all Rotary Clubs plan programs at their weekly meetings and take on special activities to emphasize understanding and goodwill as essential components of world peace. February is a chance for every club to pause, plan and promote our Fourth Avenue of Service as we also celebrate February as Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month.

MORNING RITUAL

the Pledge



4-Way Test



Mystery Greeter



Thought for the Day



"To make dreams real, first you have to have them."

--Ancient Chinese wisdom from fortune cookie.



Today's Guests



SPEAKERS FROM CLAYTON VALLEY VILLAGE: FIONA HUGHS, PETE BARDEA, AND JIM WHITFIELD

TODAY'S SPEAKERS

CLAYTON VALLEY VILLAGE SHINES

Today's speakers, **Jim Whitfield** and **Fiona Hughes**, spoke to us about Clayton Valley Village, a membership-based organization, of seniors living in Clayton and Concord that is committed to helping members live independently in their own homes as they age. They provide transportation, home-based services, and social activities through their volunteer network. We know them well as they help us at our annual Pancake Breakfast. Contact: info@claytonvalleyvillage.org

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Jim Whitfield is a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel now living in Clayton with his wife, Marilyn Wollenweber. Both are natives of Northern Michigan and re-acquainted at their High School 50th reunion. Jim's assignments took him to Turkey, Germany, Vietnam and many stateside assignments before retiring from a Pentagon job in 1987. He then had another career with several defense contractors, retiring from Northrop Grumman in 2008 to care for his first wife. Jim and Marilyn were instrumental in starting Clayton Valley Village in 2017 as a way of serving the senior population of Clayton and a neighboring portion of Concord. He is the Volunteer Coordinator for CVV.



Fiona Hughes – Originally from the UK, Fiona Hughes has called Clayton home for 30 years, and plans to stay! She became a Clayton Valley Village volunteer in 2017 recognizing the need for senior services that aren't available or affordable in the USA. Fiona has had a 'service-based' career trajectory, spending 5 years in the Diplomatic Service, as well as working for FEMA in Hawaii. She has also owned her own import company, run a PR and Marketing consultancy, is a voice-over artist, and painter exhibiting her artwork in Bay Area galleries, she has written, illustrated, narrated and self-published 3 children's books. She enjoys weaving this know-how into her volunteerism, and conducts outreach activities, marketing, writing articles, and producing graphics and events for Clayton Valley Village.



BOOK DONATION

At the end of the presentation, the speakers signed the book Bill Selb selected and then donates to the Clayton Public Library.

CLUBNEWS

Community Services: BOB HUCK

Bob Huck reported that the crew met with White Pony Express on Wednesday, February 21. So far, Larry, Susie, Mary, Larry, and Bob participated.

PETS takes place March 1 - 3 and C2C will have a booth there. Again, if you want to help at the booth let Bob know: bhuck10@sbcglobal.net



Membership Survey: JEFF WILSON



"Hello, everyone! At our last board meeting we discussed some members' interest in changing our meeting time and we want to make sure everyone's voices are heard in regard to this. I have created a google survey to poll our members on our meeting time. Please take the time to fill this survey out (**it will only take 1-2 minutes to fill out**). Please respond to this survey so I don't have to call you to get your responses! Thank you." jeffwilson@kw.com

District Conference: FIELD OF DREAMS

Don't miss your chance to join us for the Field of Rotary Dreams District Conference held **April 26-28**, in Sacramento. Register now. For current information and updates on the conference website: contact@rotary5160.org

Grant Status: ART IN A BOX

The last 125 boxes will be built and filled on Saturday, April 27. That will complete our 500 boxes for homeless students in the Mt. Diablo HOPE district for which we received a grant and donations from other clubs. We are in the process of arranging for the Clayton Valley Charter High School Interactors to participate in this final project.



San Felipe: EVENTS

Torsten Jacobsen reported that on March 21 the Steak in the Park event takes place in San Felipe and is-a super fund raiser with 500 BBQs, auction, music, singing and classical dancing. On April 13 is the Cancer Walk fund raiser with several hundred going down to the Malecon by the sea for speeches, recognition of contributions, meals etc. Travel options include as in the past carpooling or solo; distance 720 miles (10-12 hours), flight via San Diego (with option of connection to El Centro) or car rental in Tijuana and then a 4 hour drive. Rotary club in San Felipe will host/lodge or hotels are available. Contact Torsten for details. Plan now for these rewarding and fun excursions!

HURRY AND REGISTER: IT'S NOT TOO LATE

DISTRICT 5160 MEMBERSHIP FORUM

HAPPENING QUARTERLY



Wednesday, February 28
6:00 p.m.
Zoom



Wednesday, May 8
6:00 p.m.
Zoom

What is your club doing to attract, onboard, engage and retain members? Join

What is your club doing to attract, onboard, engage and retain members? Join your District Membership Team and interested Rotarians to discuss your ideas, challenges, thoughts and questions.

Based on the topics brought forward in February, a second Forum will be focused on a selected topic or two on Wednesday, May 8 th at 6:00 pm.s

REGISTER FOR ONE OR BOTH

HAPPYBUCKS

Barbara Reifschneider

MARY ANN KEMNITZ was five bucks happy about her and Daves latest trip to Simi Valley to see her grandson. En route they stopped at Harris Ranch, had dinner, spent the night, but were shocked the next morning when they opened the window and the pungent smell of cow manure floated in. Despite this, She and Dave did a C2C presentation at the Westlake Village Rotary which went well.



BILL SELB got a good bill of health, so he was 10 bucks happy. Seems he went to Kaiser where he had everything checked out every which way and passed all his tests. He was officially declared OK!

RICHARD LUECK gave a happy two bucks this morning. Seems he thought he needed knee replacement surgery, but soon discovered he actually needed a new valve for his heart. Talk about wearing your heart on your sleeve. Seems



Rich wears his on his knees.

Raffle Winner: **RUSS ANDERSON**



THE GALLERY

WINNING ART FROM THE STUDENTS OF SAN FELIPE



#8 Alondra Valeria Zavaleta Ortiz #7 Genesis Paola Alvarez Perez #1 Karen Joselyn Altunar Cruz

FUNSTUFF

BILL SELB

BLAST FROM THE PAST

You got your windshield cleaned, oil checked, and gas pumped, without asking, all for free, every time. And you didn't pay for air, and you got trading stamps to boot.

Laundry detergent had free glasses, dishes or towels hidden inside the box.

When a 57 Chevy was everyone's dream car...to cruise, peel out, lay rubber or watch submarine races, and people went steady.

No one ever asked where the car keys were because they were always in the car, in the ignition, and the doors were never locked.

Stuff from the store came without safety caps and hermetic seals because no one had yet tried to poison a perfect stranger.

When being sent to the principal's office was nothing compared to the fate that awaited the student at home.

Now didn't that feel good, just to go back and say, 'Yeah, I remember that.'

... that's all folks